

set based on the markings found on the backs of the playing cards, as determined by the rules of game play.

2. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the markings on the backs of the playing cards comprise an outer portion identical on each card and an inner portion coordinated with the face designs found on the playing cards.

3. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the markings on each of the backs of the playing cards are-

1) a selected sentence or group of sentences of a poem to be arranged in a set to form a completed poem; or

2) selected frames of a cartoon strip to be arranged in a set to form a completed cartoon strip; or

3) selected images to be arranged in a set to form a completed image of a commercial product.

4. (Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein the pack comprises 52 cards and the face designs are four suits of ace to king markings.

5. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein the rules dictate at least that the playing cards are dealt out face down in a conventional manner to each

player in rotation one card on top of another to completely obscure the markings on a previously dealt card.

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6. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein the rules at least dictate that scoring during course of game play is dependent upon a number of tricks that a player collects at an end of a round determined by the face designs of the playing cards, and on how many of completed sets based upon the markings on the backs of the playing cards are formed during each of the tricks at the end of a round.

(Add new claim 7 as follows:)

-- 7. (New) Apparatus as claimed in Claim 2 wherein the markings on each of the backs of the playing cards are-

1) a selected sentence or group of sentences of a poem to be arranged in a set to form a completed poem; or

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2) selected frames of a cartoon strip to be arranged in a set to form a completed cartoon strip; or

3) selected images to be arranged in a set to form a completed image of a commercial product. --